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Worship: Thursday, 6:30 pm ~ Sunday, 8:00 & 10:00 am  
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**WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE** May God equip us to be faithful defenders of his precious Gospel.

- Tune into KFIZ AM 1450 Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current weekend's sermon.
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- Visitors, we are pleased that you have joined us this morning. Please fill out a Visitor Card and hand it to an usher. If you are a visitor from out of town, please be sure to introduce yourself to one of the pastors after the service. We welcome all of you to come and worship with us again.

**HOLY COMMUNION** Today we have the privilege of receiving Christ's true body and blood in, with and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Through this sacrament the Holy Spirit seals to us the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation for the strengthening of our faith. Scriptures also teach that as we commune together, we are publicly testifying to a complete unity of faith based on a confession of all of God's Word. For this reason, we respectfully request that all of those who are not members of the WELS or our sister ELS please speak with one of the pastors before communing with us. Thank you.

**A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** Oh, let me cheerfully fulfill the task your wisdom has assigned and do your good and perfect will – in all my works your presence find! For you I joyously employ whatever you in grace have given; I run my daily course with joy and closely walk with you to heaven. Amen.

**SERVICE THEME** Put Down What You Love; Pick Up What You Loathe

**ORDER OF WORSHIP***Setting One* | **154-170****OPENING HYMN***Joyously I'll Praise My Savior* | **611****PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O merciful Lord, you did not spare your only Son but delivered him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

*Through Moses, the LORD sets two paths before Israel: one leading to life, the other to death. Life is found in listening to God's voice.*

See now, today I have set before you life and prosperity, death and disaster. <sup>16</sup>This is what I am commanding you today: Love the LORD your God, walk in his ways, and keep his commandments, his statutes, and his ordinances. Then you will live and increase in number, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are going to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away, and you do not listen, and you are lured away, and you bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>then I declare to you today that you will most certainly perish. You will not live a long life on the land that you are about to enter and possess by crossing over the Jordan. <sup>19</sup>I call the heavens and the earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live <sup>20</sup>by loving the LORD your God, by listening to his voice, and by clinging to him, because that means life for you, and you will live a long life on your land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND LESSON**

Philemon 8-21

*The case of the escaped slave, Onesimus, returning to his owner, Philemon, is an example of the cost of following Jesus. Paul urges Philemon to free Onesimus and embrace him as a brother.*

<sup>8</sup>For that reason, even though I have plenty of boldness in Christ to order you to do what is proper, <sup>9</sup>I am appealing to you, instead, on the basis of love, just as I, Paul,

am an old man and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ. <sup>10</sup>I am appealing to you on behalf of my child Onesimus. I became his father while I was in chains. <sup>11</sup>There was a time when he was useless to you, but now he is useful both to you and to me. <sup>12</sup>I have sent him (who is my very heart) back to you. Welcome him. <sup>13</sup>I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might serve me in your place while I am in chains for the gospel. <sup>14</sup>But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that your kindness would not be the result of compulsion, but of willingness. <sup>15</sup>Perhaps this is why he was separated from you for a while: so that you would have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave, but as more than a slave, as a dear brother. He certainly is dear to me, but he is even more of a dear brother to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup>And if he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge it to me. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, have written this with my own hand: I will repay it—not to mention that you owe me your very self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, I am asking for a favor from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

The Word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**      *Your words are my joy and my heart's delight! | 161*

**GOSPEL (Sermon Text)**      Luke 14:25-35  
*Jesus teaches us that truly following him will come at a cost: the need to carry a cross, the need to give up everything.*

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus. He turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry his own cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, if he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost to see if he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, everyone who sees it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This fellow began to build, but was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup>Or what king, as he goes out to confront another king in war, will not first sit down and consider if he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>And if he is not able, he sends out a delegation and asks for terms of peace while his opponent is still far away. <sup>33</sup>So then, any one of you who does not say farewell to all his own possessions cannot be my disciple. <sup>34</sup>Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its flavor, how will it become salty

again? <sup>35</sup>It is not fit for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. The one who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Why Should Cross & Trial Grieve Me | 831*

**“Confirm the Cost”**

*Pastor Boehringer*

**NICENE CREED & PRAYER**

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**PRESENTING OF OUR OFFERING**

**THE SACRAMENT**

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

*Baptized into Your Name Most Holy | 680*  
*Holy God, We Praise Your Name | 953*

**THANKSGIVING & BLESSING**

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**CLOSING HYMN**

*Jesus, Your Boundless Love to Me*

Jesus, your boundless love to me  
no thought can reach, no tongue declare;  
    dwell in my heart eternally,  
    and reign without a rival there.  
    O Jesus, nothing may I do,  
    but seek my joy in serving you.

In suffering be your love my peace,  
in weakness be your love my pow’r;  
and when the storms of life shall cease,  
    O Jesus, in that final hour,  
    be then my rod and staff and guide  
    and draw me safely to your side.

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**ORGANIST**

Laura Nolte

**GREETERS**

8:00 ~ Eric & Tracy Freiberg  
10:00 ~ Randy & Joyce Westphal